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The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security

Letter dated 9 January 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Fully supporting General Assembly resolution 56/220 of 21 December 2001, the Republic of Uzbekistan consecutively implements the provisions of the resolution by facilitating the work of the United Nations humanitarian operations based in Uzbekistan in order to ensure an efficient delivery of emergency aid into Afghanistan.

Guided by the aims and objectives of the resolution, H.E. Mr. Islam Karimov, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, on 3 January 2002 signed a decree which makes provision for the participation of Uzbekistan in the efforts of the world community aimed at the rehabilitation of Afghanistan (see annex).

The decree established a post of Special Representative of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Afghanistan, as well as a Working Group of the Government of Uzbekistan to work out proposals on using the potential and capacities of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the realization of concrete projects for the reconstruction of Afghanistan.

The establishment of this post manifests the aspiration of the Republic of Uzbekistan to contribute to the cooperation between the United Nations system and the international community in rendering humanitarian assistance and the realization of reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 20 (f) and 43.

(*Signed*) Alisher **Vohidov**
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Annex to the letter dated 9 January 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

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Decree of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

on the appointment of Mr. S. S. Safaev, First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, as Special Representative on Afghanistan of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

In order to develop the relations of good-neighbourliness and mutually advantageous cooperation between the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Islamic State of Afghanistan and ensure the participation of the Republic of Uzbekistan in the efforts of the international community for the rehabilitation of Afghanistan:

1. Mr. S. S. Safaev, First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, is hereby appointed Special Representative on Afghanistan of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

2. Within one week, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall submit a draft statute concerning the Special Representative on Afghanistan of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

3. A working group to formulate proposals for using the potential and capacities of the Republic of Uzbekistan in carrying out specific rehabilitation projects in Afghanistan, with the composition shown in the annex, shall be established under the Special Representative on Afghanistan of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan;

4. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan shall inform international organizations and foreign policy departments of donor countries participating in the rehabilitation process for Afghanistan of the appointment of the Special Representative on Afghanistan of the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

I. **Karimov**
President of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Tashkent, 3 January 2002